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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (12A-2560) (C)

NICOLO S. SAFINA;
 NARCOTICS MATTER
 OO: MILWAUKEE

On 5/22/86, NICOLO SAFINA plead guilty in the Eastern District of Wisconsin to one count of Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine. This conviction was a result of a joint DEA/FBI operation.

SAFINA, who has been described by Milwaukee as an LCN associate, as part of his plea agreed to an interview by the FBI regarding his possible knowledge of LCN activities in Milwaukee. This interview verified knowledge Milwaukee already had regarding SAFINA'S association with Milwaukee boss, FRANK BALISTRIERI, but did not produce anything of value regarding current LCN activities.

On 7/23/86, SAFINA was sentenced to three years in prison on his drug charge.

DEA continued the investigation with assistance from SAFINA and ultimately charged four additional people who were involved in the distribution of cocaine which SAFINA was purchasing. One of those individuals [redacted]

In November 1986, while SAFINA was serving his prison sentence, a fire believed set by an arsonist was extinguished at

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1 - Chicago (Attention: North Central Task Force Coordinator)
 1 - Milwaukee

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SAFINA'S former restaurant, NICOLO'S Sicilian Ristorante and Pub, Milwaukee. At the time the restaurant was under sale by order of the Federal Bankruptcy Court. Milwaukee has maintained contact with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Milwaukee, regarding their and the Milwaukee Police Department Arson Squad investigation of this fire. The Special Agent handling the case has advised Milwaukee that no suspects have been developed, nor has any information been received to link SAFINA to the fire.

Milwaukee is placing this investigation in a closed status.